

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 17th February 2019

IRTS Committee

Final reminder: An opportunity to support amateur radio and to get involved in the work of the national society. There are several vacancies on the IRTS Committee for 2019/2020. Please contact Jim EI4HH for more information, contact details are on www.irts.ie The closing date for expressions of interest is Monday 18th Feb 2019.

IRTS Awards

Nominations for “Awards for Services to the Society or to Amateur Radio” and “Awards to IRTS members for Other Achievements” are being sought by the IRTS Awards Committee.

Details of these Awards are available at www.irts.ie under the Awards section. Nominations should reach the Awards Manager Jim Holohan EI4HH, email “holohaj2 /at/ hotmail /dot/ com”, as soon as possible. Last Year Prize Winners

A request has been made by Larry EI9CN that any members who won prizes last year and who have not already returned them, please could they do so to a local committee member in time for them to be brought to the next committee meeting on the 2nd March, or they can be handed in to the IRTS stand at the Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Rally in Coolmine on February 17th.

Larry hopes to pick them up at the March committee meeting, as he requires some time to have them engraved / repaired if necessary. If unable to return them via the above routes, members may also send them directly to his QTHR.

Cork Radio Club

The February meeting of Cork Radio Club will be held at the usual venue in Carrigtwohill Community Centre on Wednesday next February 20th at 8pm.

Visitors and new members are always welcome and further information about the club can be had by emailing “info /at/ corkradioclub /dot/ ie” or by telephone on 08706290574

Assessment for CW

Following on from Coolmines, further CW assessment will be carried out in Limerick on March 10th and also at the IRTS AGM in Athlone on April 14th. Booking for these tests is essential and intending candidates should contact Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290573 or by email “davebeag /at/ gmail /dot/ com”. Full details of the Morse test are available on the IRTS web site under licensing at www.irts.ie

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The 2019 AGM of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Monday the 25th February 2019 in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford at 8.00 p.m. sharp. As this is the AGM of the group all members are asked to please attend. New members or anyone interested in learning more about the group or amateur radio are as always very welcome to attend also.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and their activities you can drop them an email to “info /at/ searg /dot/ ie” or please feel free to come along to any of their meetings. You can check out their website www.searg.ie and you can also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

Limerick Radio Club

The Limerick Radio Club AGM and was held in the Limerick Institute of Technology on the Thursday 14th February. The incoming LRC Committee for 2019/20 is as follows. Chairman Dermot Gleeson EI2GT: Secretary Michael Kirwan EI3KO: Treasurer Liam Rainford EI7DSB: Committee Members: Alan Cronin EI8EM: Michael Kingston EI2IX: Simon Kenny EI7ALB: Albert Price EI5HXB.

Albert Price EI5HXB will continue as QSL Manager.

Club members are preparing for the LRC Rally on the 10th March in the Radisson Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick . Please contact Michael Kingston EI2IX “michaelkingston /at/ eircom /dot/ net” for tables. A list of for sale items can be sent to Michael for inclusion on the LRC Web Site.

Please note that the weekly IRTS News continues to be read on the LRC 70cms repeater at 8:00 PM on Monday evenings.

IECRO Ireland Radio Club

On Saturday 23rd February 2019, IECRO Ireland Radio Club will run a revision course in Mullingar for those wishing to prepare for the license examination in May. To book a place on the course, contact can be made either by email “ireland /at/ iecro /dot/ com”, telephone 086 355 2370 or by submitting a request online via the support portal <https://support.iecro.com>

DX News

Jean-Pierre F6CTF will be active from Phu Quoc Island, Vietnam (IOTA AS-128) as 3W9JF from 19th February – 6th March. This will be followed by a change of QTH between 16th March – 6th April when he will be in Hoi An using the same callsign. His QSL manager is EA5GL.

Island chasers who missed Dave EI9FBB last October when he activated Vieques Island, Puerto Rico as KP4/EI9FBB for the then new IOTA reference NA-249 will have another chance from 22nd – 24th February. This time a group of KP4 operators will be QRV as KP3RE from Culebra Island which also counts as NA-249. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

George W2AIV will be on vacation in Belize from 23rd February – 2nd March. He will be on 40, 20, 15 and 10m SSB and will also try some slow CW using the callsign V31GF. Logs will be uploaded to Logbook of The World.

The United Nations Amateur Radio Contest DX Club which is based in Vienna, Austria normally uses the callsign 4U1A. To celebrate World Radio Day which occurs annually on 13th February the Club are on the air using the special callsign 4U0R until the end of this month. QSL manager is UA3DX.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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